

Lifespan Respite Care Program

Project Summary

Grantee Organization: North Carolina Division of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS)

State: North Carolina

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Project Overview:

The North Carolina Division of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS) in partnership with the NC Respite Care Coalition and key stakeholders will build on the lifespan respite efforts in which they are presently engaged and advance both policy and practice. The **goal** of the project is to bring to scale and more fully integrate respite services across the lifespan with continued and measureable progress towards a sustainable Lifespan Respite system.

Program **objectives** include 1) embedding caregiver and respite focus within the state's long term services and support systems, including ADRCs, Money Follows the Person, community-based Medicaid and social services; 2) expand promising practices in medical, faith-based, and service provider initiatives focusing on caregiver assessment, respite resources and their effective use; and 3) further sustain the state's energizing "Just One More" initiative to bring new or enhanced respite services to each of the state's 100 counties.

Outcomes and Products:

The anticipated program **outcomes** include: 1) a state public/private partnership system which supports community living; 2) enhanced quality respite services that are more accessible and easier to navigate, and 3) greater public awareness and action involving respite services in volunteer, medical practice and faith-based initiatives.

Products will include a comprehensive set of web-based respite and caregiver resource training modules for options counselors and aging and disability network providers, a planning guide for effective medical practice partnerships, outcome based data collection tools and collaborative marketing materials.